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U.S. Serial No. : Not Yet Known (Continuation Application
of PCT/US00/04995, filed 25 February
2000)
Filed : Herewith
For : GENES ENCODING INSECT ODORANT RECEPTORS
AND USES THEREOF

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO THE ACCOMPANYING CONTINUATION
APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53

Applicants request that the following amendment be made in the
above-identified application:

In the Specification:

On page 1, after the title, please delete the first paragraph and
insert the following new paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of PCT International
Application No. PCT/US00/04995, filed 25 February 2000,
designating the United States of America, which is a
continuation-in-part and claims priority of U.S. Serial No.
09/257,706, filed February 25, 1999, the contents of which
are hereby incorporated by reference into the present
application.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 13,14, 17-21, 24, 27-34, 36-39, and 41
without prejudice or disclaimer to applicants' right to pursue
the subject matter of these claims in a future continuation or
divisional application.

Please amend claim 40 as follows:

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40. (Amended) A method of controlling pest population which comprises identifying odorant ligands by the method of claim 29 which are alarm odorant ligands and spraying the desired area with the identified odorant ligands.

REMARKS

This application is a continuation of PCT International Application No. PCT/US00/04995, filed 25 February 2000, designating the United States of America, which is a continuation-in-part and claims priority of U.S. Serial No. 09/257,706, filed February 25, 1999. Accordingly, the parent application, PCT International Application No. PCT/US00/04995, is pending today in the United States of America pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §363, and the subject continuation application is co-pending therewith in fulfillment of the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.

By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have hereinabove amended the specification on page 1 to insert the continuation data. Applicants maintain that the amendments made hereinabove do not raise any issue of new matter. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request entry of the Amendment.

Claims 1-41 were pending in the subject application. By this Amendment applicants have canceled claims 13, 14, 17-21, 24, 27-34, 36-39, and 41 without prejudice or disclaimer to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a future continuation or divisional application. Applicants have hereinabove amended claim 40. Applicants maintain that these amendments are made only to make the amended claims dependent on pending claims and do not raise any issue of new matter. Accordingly, upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-12, 15-16, 22-23, 25-26, 35 and 40 will be pending and under examination.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii), applicants attach hereto as Exhibit A a version of the amended claims marked up to show the changes relative to the previous version thereof.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

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